

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Maximize your heating system's performance by inspecting, cleaning or replacing air filters once a month or as needed to reduce energy costs and prevent potential damage your system.

Make sure radiators, baseboard heaters and warm air registers aren't blocked so air can flow freely.



source: energy.gov

The 2022 Matthew C. Graziadei Achievement Scholarship Award

The Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC) is offering the Matthew C. Graziadei Achievement Scholarship Award to a North Carolina high school senior with a disability. This award includes a \$1,500 scholarship, to be used for any post high school learning experience/training or for equipment/technology needed for employment.

All North Carolina students with disabilities are eligible for nomination. Including students enrolled in the Occupation Course of Study, students who will be receiving a Graduate Certificate and students enrolled in the Future Ready Course of Study.

Selection Criteria
Matthew Carmen Graziadei was a remarkable young man who died in January 1998 at the age of 26. At the age of seven Matt was diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy. He graduated from Myers Park High School in Charlotte, NC and was elected to Who's Who in American High School Students. Matt was a student intern at the Charlotte Mint Museum and served as a Goodwill Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association both locally and statewide. He achieved President's Honors at Central Piedmont Com-

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Events

JANUARY 10 Board of Education Called Meeting to discuss retention bonuses to be livestreamed on YouTube. (Search YouTube for Anson County Schools.) Closed Session at 3:30pm, Open Session at 4:30pm. Meeting takes place at administrative Office Board Meeting Room, located at 320 Camden Rd in Wadesboro. Masks required for visitors.

ONGOING EVENTS Lions Club Welcomes New Members The Wadesboro Lions Club meets at Papa Joes Restaurant the 2nd & 4th Thursday each month at 6:30pm For more info or to purchase a broom please call Jim Chandler 910-571-1448

Senior Box Program at Feed My Lambs starts the third Tuesday each month for seniors only. Located at 2290 Hwy 74 West, Wadesboro. 704-695-1820

Food Pantry Free food every Wed, 9-11am at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Ctr. 704-826-8182

community College and served in Washington, DC with the US Surgeon General's Council on Families and Disabilities. Matt also started his own business and was a contractor in facilities, engineering and computer services.

Scholarship Award recipients will be selected by the Matthew C. Graziadei Scholarship Award Review Board based on these attributes:

- Determination - reaching above one's imagination
- Perseverance - remaining steadfast against all odds
- Persistence - starting from scratch and striving until successful
- Dedication - maintaining solid effort and achievement
- Confidence - overcoming obstacles through internal courage
- Motivation - seeing life as a series of opportunities, not obstacles
- Fortitude - keeping going after others have stopped
- Accomplishment - succeeding with ongoing new vision

Application Process Applications will only be accepted through Wednesday, February 2, 2022. The award will be presented to the winning student during his/her high school awards ceremony. Based on applications received, additional students may be selected as Runner Up.

More information is available at www.ecac-parentcenter.org or by calling 800-962-6817.

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Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter Jan Starling of West Palm Beach, FL; her granddaughter Brandi Winfield (Gary) of Polkton; her great-grandchildren, Brantley Winfield, Lexi Winfield and Kamryn Winfield; her brother and sister, Buddy Tucker of Greensboro and Ann Crofts of Lincolnton; her brother-in-law Gene Birmingham of Polkton; her sister-in-law June Meland of Wadesboro; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Larry Chester Starling, her son Alan Starling and her sisters and brothers, Margaret Shaver, Geraldine Birmingham, Pete Tucker, James Tucker, Benny Tucker and Infant Harold Tucker.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mary Lynn Usrey

On Thursday, December 30, 2021, Mary Lynn Usrey, 64, passed away peacefully at Atrium Health CMC Main Hospital in Charlotte, NC.

There will be a service to celebrate her life at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 7, 2022, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Jimmy Knotts officiating.

The family will greet friends following the service.

Mary Lynn was born June 11, 1957, in Anson County and was a daughter of the late Harold Clay "Sonny" Usrey and the late Mary Geraldine Lee Usrey. She was a graduate of Bowmn High School and was retired from Anson County Schools, having worked at Anson Middle School in the cafeteria.

Those left to cherish her memory are her brothers and sisters, Ronald Clay "Ronnie" Usrey and Thomas Lee "Rock" Usrey, both of Myrtle Beach, SC, Brenda Usrey Pegram of Lilesville and Patty "Kitty" Usrey Montgomery (Eddie) of Kansas City, MO; her nieces and nephews, Michelle Dennis (Matt) of Norwood, Todd Pegram of Lilesville, Lisa Andrews (Joe) of Blue Springs, MO, Kimberly Fuller (Jason) of Smithfield, MO, Max Usrey of Myrtle Beach, SC and Miles Usrey of Morgantown, WV; her great-nieces and nephews, including Lee Ann Dennis, Ashley Steagall (Wes) and Natalie Davis; and her uncle Tom Usrey (Toma) of Clearwater, FL.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her brother-in-law Milton Pegram.

Mary Lynn will be remembered for her no-nonsense personality. She was very tenderhearted and loved hard. She would be quick to apologize if she felt as if she hurt someones feelings and needed to make things right. She loved her family dearly and will be missed by all who loved her.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Friends of the Anson County Animal Shelter, c/o, Maureen Lett, 307 Leak Ave., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

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